

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 5, 7, 9, 13, 18, 19, 21, 23-27 and 29 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10-12, 14-17, 20, 22 and 28 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight ~~container image display device~~, comprising:
 - ~~a bonding step of bonding a first member and a second member, the bonding step comprising:~~
 - a first step of forming an underlayer on ~~the a~~ first member;
 - a second step of providing a bonding agent on the underlayer;
 - a third step of forming a contact member, which is comprises a different material from a material of the bonding agent and a material of the underlayer, on ~~the a~~ second member; ~~and~~
 - a ~~fourth~~ step of bringing the bonding agent into contact with the contact member and bonding the first member to the second member; and[[,]]
 - a step of forming at least one of a display element, a wire, an electrode, and a fluorescent on the first member or the second member,
 - wherein the wettability of the bonding agent to the underlayer is superior to that of the bonding agent to a surface of the first member prior to the first step, and

the bondability of the bonding agent to the contact member is superior to that of the bonding agent to a surface of the second member prior to the third step, ~~and~~
~~the third step is performed after a predetermined treatment is performed for the second member.~~

2. (Withdrawn) The method for manufacturing an airtight container, according to Claim 1,
wherein the bonding step is a step of forming a closed bond line which defines an airtight space by bonding the first member and the second member,
the contact member formed in the third step is placed at least all along a position at which the closed bond line is to be formed so as to be brought into contact with the bonding agent, and
the bondability of the bonding agent to the contact member placed all along the position at which the closed bond line is to be formed is superior to that of the bonding agent to a surface of the second member prior to the third step.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container~~ image display device, comprising the steps of:
~~a bond line forming step of bonding a first member and a second member to form a closed bond line which defines an airtight space, the bond line forming step comprising:~~

~~a first step of forming an underlayer which comprises silver, gold, platinum, or an alloy thereof on the~~ a first member;

~~a second step of providing a bonding agent which comprises indium or an indium alloy on the underlayer;~~

forming wires on a second member;

forming an oxide film on the wires formed on the second member; and

~~a third step of placing a contact member, which is different from the bonding agent, all along a position of the second member at which the closed bond line is to be formed; and~~

~~a fourth step of bringing the bonding agent into contact with the contact member~~ oxide film and bonding the first member to the second member. [[,]]

~~wherein the wettability of the bonding agent to the underlayer is superior to that of the bonding agent to a surface of the first member prior to the first step, and~~

~~the bondability of the bonding agent to the contact member is superior to that of the bonding agent to a surface of the second member prior to the third step.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an airtight container, image display device according to Claim 1, wherein the bonding agent comprises a metal.

Claim 5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container,~~ image display device according to Claim 1, wherein the underlayer comprises a metal.

Claim 7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container,~~ image display device according to Claim 4, wherein the underlayer comprises a metal which is unlikely to be oxidized as compared to the metal for the bonding agent.

Claim 9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container,~~ image display device according to Claim 1, wherein the bonding agent comprises an oxide at a position which is to be brought into contact with the contact member.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container,~~ image display device according to Claim 3, wherein the bonding agent comprises an oxide at a position which is to be brought into contact with the ~~contact member~~ oxide film.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container;~~ image display device according to Claim 1, wherein the contact member comprises an oxide at a position which is to be brought into contact with the bonding agent.

Claim 13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container;~~ image display device according to Claim 12, wherein the oxide comprises SiO₂ or PbO.

15. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container;~~ image display device according to Claim ~~13~~ 3, wherein the oxide comprises SiO₂ or PbO.

16. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container;~~ image display device according to Claim 1, wherein the second step is performed under the conditions in which at least a surface of the bonding agent is oxidized.

17. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container;~~ image display device according to Claim 3, wherein the second step is performed under the conditions in which at least a surface of the bonding agent is oxidized.

Claims 18 and 19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an image display device, according to Claim ~~18~~ 1,

wherein one of the first member and the second member is a substrate on which at least a part of the display element, the wire, the electrode, and/or the fluorescent is formed and the other comprises a frame part of an airtight container forming the image display device. ~~the airtight container comprises a first substrate, a second substrate facing thereto, and a surrounding member surrounding an airtight space formed between the first substrate and the second substrate, and~~

~~the first member is the surrounding member.~~

Claim 21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an image display device, according to Claim ~~19~~ 3,

wherein the second member is a substrate on which the wires are formed and the first member comprises a frame part of an airtight container forming the image display device. ~~airtight container comprises a first substrate, a second substrate facing thereto, and a~~

~~surrounding member surrounding an airtight space formed between the first substrate and the second substrate, and~~

~~the first member is the surrounding member.~~

Claims 23-27. (Cancelled).

28. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing an ~~airtight container~~, image display device according to Claim 4, wherein ~~[[a]] the~~ metal composing the bonding agent is oxidized at least at a position which is to be brought into contact with the contact member.

Claim 29. (Cancelled).